

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1: Between the Title and the 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:**

Page 2: Before the 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:**

1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

It is therefore an object of the invention to create a construction, which makes possible a better adaptation of the vibrational behavior to the circumstances of the playing processes and the requirements and peculiar features of the player. ~~The inventive solution of this objective is determined by the distinguishing features of claim 1.~~ Distinguishing features of further significant developments and optimizations of the invention are defined in the claims that follow.

2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The mode of action of the distinguishing features of the construction of claim † depends, among other things, on the effect of the characteristic vibration spectrum of the impacting instrument as a whole. A first step in this connection is the making available of a plurality of singular three-dimensional and/or two-dimensional and/or one-dimensional regions, which differ due to vibrationally relevant, especially resonance relevant, material and/or shape and dimensional parameters of their respective surroundings. Moreover, in practice, as large a number as possible of such singular regions is to be aimed for. These singular regions are then to be arranged in the form of at least one sequence, which extends over at least a portion of the impacting instrument and corresponds to at least one ordered sequence, especially to a mathematically or also an algorithmically determinable series. In practice, comparatively large numbers of sequences, which are to be arranged on the impacting instrument, once again come into consideration here.

Page 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The mode of action and the advantages of the invention and of the distinguishing features of its essential further developments are explained in greater detail by means of the examples, which are shown diagrammatically in the drawings; of which .